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PICTURE OF THE DAY

A New Portrait



This new portrait of Princess Margaret, by Dorothy Wilding, has just been released for publication. Princess Margaret is to accompany Her Majesty the Queen on their tour of New Zealand and Australia.

Exchange Order And Japan

London, Mar. 10.
Mr. W. G. Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, tonight defended Britain's new exchange order affecting Japan. He told the House of Commons the Government would "struggle every nerve" to solve the admittedly "unsatisfactory" dollar situation in Hong Kong.

Served Liver Of U.S. Flier At Banquet

Yokohama, Mar. 11.
Five Japanese charged with serving the liver of an American flier at an officers' club banquet in the spring of 1945 went on trial here today together with 25 other war crimes suspects.

In dock with them and five Japanese ex-generals was the first Japanese woman to be charged with war crime atrocities, tight-lipped, comely Shizuko Tsuboi, 31, former chief nurse at Kyushu Imperial University Hospital.

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SECRET EVIDENCE ON HONG KONG Tabled

"Altered Circumstances" Made Cruiser Escort Necessary British Request For Troops Could Not Be Refused

Ottawa, Mar. 11.
Prime Minister Mackenzie King was informed three days before the sailing of the Canadian expedition to Hong Kong in October, 1941, that the British Government requested special escort protection for the Canadian loaded troopship "Awatea" in Far Eastern waters because of "altered circumstances" in relations with the Japanese, it was revealed today.

BRADMAN COMPLAINT REJECTED

Adelaide, Mar. 11.
A special investigating committee of the South Australian Journalists' Association today rejected a complaint by Don Bradman that he had been misrepresented after speaking at a luncheon here in January and that in any case his talk was not for publication.

The committee declared that the report was fair and accurate and expressed disappointment that the Australian cricket captain had failed to give particulars to justify his claim that he was misrepresented.

The committee also declared that Bradman knew that reports were being made and that in the absence of any intimation that his comments were not for publication, the reporters did not contravene the codes and ethics.

The major revelations were:

(1) When Britain first approached Canada to send two battalions to Hong Kong, the attitude of Japan towards the United States and Britain showed "signs of certain weakening," according to a cable dated September 19.

Untrained

(2) More than 100 of the 607 men in the expedition had less than the required 10 weeks training and 40 went AWOL before the troopship sailed.

(3) On October 24, the Admiralty cabled the Commander-in-Chief in China and the Canadian Prime Minister that "in view of altered circumstances" in the Pacific an additional cruiser should accompany the "Awatea" from Manila to Hong Kong.

The paraphrased copy of the United Kingdom's cable to Canada on September 19 said: "In the event of war in the Far East the accepted policy has been that Hong Kong should be considered as an outpost and held as long as possible."

"Reassure Chiang"
"It would reassure Chiang Kai-shek as to the genuineness of our intention to hold the Colony and, in addition, would have a very great moral effect throughout the Far East."

"We should be most grateful if the Government of Canada would give consideration to providing for this purpose one or two Canadian battalions."

The then Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Army overseas, Gen. A. G. V. McNaughton, testified that the United Kingdom's request was worded such that it "could not be refused."

United Press.

Nanking, Mar. 11.
The Chinese Foreign Office has countered an Outer Mongolian protest over alleged frontier violations with a sharp demand for compensation for the deaths of all Chinese nationals killed in border clashes.

The Foreign Office said its reply to the Outer Mongolian protest of February 24 "points out specifically that places alleged to have been invaded are located within the territory of Sinkiang (Chinese) Province."

Mystery Shelling

London, Mar. 11.
Three fishermen off Felixstowe reported to the Admiralty today that they were shelled yesterday by a warship, apparently a destroyer, with shells dropping only 30 feet from one boat.

The Admiralty said no British warships are in the vicinity and there are no reports of any foreign ships. It is investigating the matter.—United Press.

ATTACK ON PAOTING REPULSED

Shanghai, Mar. 11.
Supported by the Nationalist air force, General Fu Tso-yi's hard-fighting Suiyuanese troops have checked Communist General Nieh Yuang-cheng's 48-hour-old, three-pronged attack on Paoting, the provincial capital of Hopei and a railway hub, with vigorous counter-blows, according to pro-Government despatches today.

In the northern outskirts, garrison forces are said to have recaptured several strongpoints and to have joined forces with a reinforcement column pushing down the Peiping-Paoting highway.

To the south-west and east, Red troops are still entrenched on the outskirts but their artillery (which laid down a heavy barrage on Tuesday night for the initial advance) is said to have been silenced by bombing.

In north-west Honan, bloody fighting is reported to be raging on the outskirts of the historic Lunghai railway city of Loyang, with both sides suffering heavy casualties.

"As the Communists are pouring strong reinforcements into the battle area, Chiang Kai-shek, who yesterday reviewed mechanized units and paratroops at the north Kiangsu city of Hsuehchow, has ordered the First Armoured Regiment to proceed immediately to Loyang."

This regiment is commanded by Chiang's second son, Colonel Chiang Wei-kuo, and has been prominent in the pacification operations in North Kiangsu.

"As a result of the present Communist attack passenger and freight services between Chengchow and Loyang are now suspended."

Szejingkal
In Manchuria, Nationalist rear-guard fighting at Szejingkal, 100 miles north of Mukden, was reported to be nearing its end today, as General Lin Piao applied more pressure against the two Nationalist regiments left behind to fight a delaying action.

Isolated Government defenders are said to have been dropping supplies from the air yesterday. No news was available here today of the progress of the Communist commander-in-chief's move against Changchun, or General Fan Han-chieh's drive to re-open the Peiping-Mukden railway. Nor was there word of the Nationalist offensive south of Mukden.

Reuter-AAP.

Martial Law
In Northern Palestine, Mar. 10.
Jewish Bay At Banki tonight ordered martial law in all North Palestine, effective at dawn on Thursday.

Overhead Car Park At Star Ferry?

A scheme for the construction of a large overhead car-park, capable of handling more than 200 vehicles, in the vicinity of the Star Ferry, is to be submitted to the Government shortly.

Australia To Ban Communists?

Canberra, Mar. 11.
Mr. Gordon Menzies, leader of the Liberal opposition in the Australian Parliament, today announced that his party was advocating a complete ban on the Communist Party and its associates "in view of the gravity of the international situation and the vital importance of Australian production and transport."

His statement was welcomed by Mr. Arthur W. Fadden, leader of the opposition Country Party, who said that it put the two parties on common ground.

Reuter.

BBC On The Air Later

London, Mar. 11.
The decision, announced by the Postmaster-General, that broadcasting by the BBC will be re-introduced on April 11, affects only light and third programmes.

They get back one hour taken from them in February last year, when the fuel shortage necessitated closing down at 11.30 p.m.

Reuter.

The Moral Downfall Of The Capitalist!

London, Mar. 10.
Brazilian diplomats abroad are "homosexuals, drunkards, hoodlums and criminals," asserts an article in the current issue of the Soviet "Literary Gazette."

The article, written by Alexander Androvich and quoted by Moscow radio, says that "those was fashion Brazil's home policy do not lag behind the Brazilian diplomats. They are turning the country into a colony of the United States."

The article speaks of "scandals and revelries" in connection with the names of some Brazilian diplomats and says: "Homosexuals, drunkards, hoodlums and criminals—these are the who represent Brazil abroad, fulfilling their instructions and orders from the 'Dollar Empire'."

That is a graphic picture of the usages and morals of Brazil's upper class, reflecting as in mirror the depth of the moral downfall of capitalist society with its pseudo-culture and pseudo-civilization.—Associated Press.

Canton Airfield

Canton, Mar. 11.
Local Government authorities plan to spend over CN\$150,000, 000,000 in reconstructing the White Cloud Airfield, which is today serving the commercial planes of several aviation companies with main offices in Hong Kong.

Reporting this proposed expenditure, the Chinese Kuomintang (KMT) newspaper, the Kuomintang Daily, said that the airfield had been used by the Japanese during the war and that the reconstruction work was being carried out by the Chinese Government.

Sassoon's Hqs. Now At Kobe

Tokyo, Mar. 11.
Sir Victor Sassoon has moved his headquarters from Japan and has established his new headquarters in the port city of Kobe, Central News learned from reliable sources today.

By a series of multi-million yen real estate deals last year, Sir Victor's agents in Japan have acquired more than a dozen valuable business properties concentrated around Kojima main railway station, Sanmachiya. Conservative Japanese estimates of Sassoon's known holdings in the Kobe area alone give the current value at well over 100 million yen.

Most of the newly acquired properties are in the area which was nearly flattened by a series of American B-29 raids during the last few months of the war. This group of real estate holdings will probably be the site of the future Sassoon Headquarters in Japan.—Central News.

P.W.D. Coolie Dies In Sewer

Yesterday was an unlucky day for two P.W.D. sewer coolies. Two hours after starting work, one was dead and the other lying in a serious condition in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Assigned to clear a blocked sewer drain in Tong Shui Road, near Mackie's Wharf, 50-year-old Lau Chun and 23-year-old Chan Sang equipped themselves with the necessary bamboo rods, and descended two manholes, 25 yards apart.

Pressure from the younger man's side forced the passage, leading from one manhole to the other. Clear. As a result, the coolie was working was flooded with gas fumes.

Receiving no answer to his signals, the younger coolie climbed out of the manhole and went over to the other to inquire. There, he saw his colleague unconscious in the sewer. As he descended to assist he was also overcome by the fumes and made unconscious.

Forced Back
A Chinese watching rushed for help to the Royal Navy godown, Stoker R. Wright and Petty Officer Samuel Brooks raced to the manhole with ropes. Both made an attempt to go down but were forced back by the fumes.

Goebbels Speaks

Last week, we announced that the "China Mail" has acquired exclusive publication rights for Hong Kong of

MR. CHURCHILL'S "MEMOIRS"

To-day, we have to record another important journalistic "scoop," the exclusive rights in

GOEBBEL'S WAR DIARY

This noteworthy and historical document will be published shortly in the form of a series of daily articles in the "China Mail," preceding the Churchill "Memoirs," which are to be released for simultaneous publication throughout the world next month.

Dr. GOEBBELS' WAR DIARY will give a wartime picture of Britain, the United States, and such outstanding figures as Mr. Churchill and the late President Roosevelt through German eyes, a valuable documentary for students of the history of World War II.

One of the evil geniuses of the Nazi regime, Goebbels was also possessor of his sharpest brain, and the importance of his commentary upon the development of events needs no emphasis. Watch for further announcements.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone from the North, with a cold front moving in from the North, is over the region. A shallow depression is stationary over Taiwan, and from it a strong wind is blowing. A small depression is developing in the trough to the S. of Shanghai.

Today's Forecast: Light S. or variable winds; freshening; clear from the 12th. Mainly cloudy with showers and heavy rain on the 13th.

Tomorrow's Weather: Partly cloudy; light S. or variable winds; freshening; clear from the 14th. Mainly cloudy with showers and heavy rain on the 15th.

16th: Partly cloudy; light S. or variable winds; freshening; clear from the 17th. Mainly cloudy with showers and heavy rain on the 18th.

19th: Partly cloudy; light S. or variable winds; freshening; clear from the 20th. Mainly cloudy with showers and heavy rain on the 21st.

22nd: Partly cloudy; light S. or variable winds; freshening; clear from the 23rd. Mainly cloudy with showers and heavy rain on the 24th.

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Letter To S.C.A. Leads To Discovery Of Sale Of Young Girl

The story of how a letter sent to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs by a 16-year-old girl, alleging that she had been enticed into the Colony for the purpose of prostitution, led to the discovery of the sale of 14-year-old Wong Yau alias Ho Yau for \$100 was relayed by Mr. H.W. Fraser in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court yesterday, when four married women were charged in connection with the sale.

The women concerned were Law Ying alias Li Chai alias Lo Shui (31), Cheng Kam (45), Yuen Chien (34), and Ho Wing-king alias Ah Yau (22). The last defendant was further charged with failing to report the possession of a word within a month from Sept. 20, 1940.

Mr. Fraser said that a letter was received by the S. C. A. some time ago from a girl, signing herself as Cheung Lai-ching and stated to be 16 years of age, appealing for assistance.

In the letter the girl alleged that she had been enticed by her cousin, Lai Ming, to come to Hong Kong from Canton to obtain employment.

When she arrived, the girl wrote, she was taken to 8 Cheung Lok Street, first floor, which, she discovered, was a brothel. Because of her refusal to practice prostitution, she alleged, she was sold to a Chinese female called "Suet Kow" for \$400 and taken to 10 Temple Street, first floor.

On March 8, continued Mr. Fraser, he went to the Temple Street address accompanied by Lady Inspector Cheng and a party of District Watchmen and

found that the premises, which had been used as a brothel, had been raided by the Police about 48 hours ago and the keeper, Leung Sze, charged and convicted.

No Trace

There was, however, no trace of Cheung Lai-ching but the nine Chinese females found on the premises admitted being prostitutes, said Mr. Fraser.

The party from the S. C. A. then proceeded to 8 Cheung Lok Street, first floor, said Mr. Fraser, where a thorough search, also failed to produce Cheung Lai-ching. On the premises was a 10-year-old boy.

Mr. Fraser said that he took the persons found in the Temple Street and Cheung Lok Street premises back to the S. C. A. where they were questioned.

As the result information received by him that the writer of the letter was to be found in 74 Woosung Street, first floor, he proceeded to that address.

While waiting for the Yaumati ferry at Hong Kong, a woman just coming out of the ferry was pointed out to him as the owner of the 10-year-old girl.

Girl Found

Accompanied by the woman, the party went to 17 Woosung Street and there found a 14-year-old girl, Wong Yau alias Ho Yau, whose owner (the fourth accused) said that the girl was presented to her as a multi-tail (slave girl) and formed part of her marriage dowry.

Ho Wing-king added that after the death of her husband she came to Hong Kong to live with Cheung Kam at 201 Shanghai Street, third floor.

After a while, said Mr. Fraser, (he she said) went to Canton, leaving the girl in the custody of Cheung.

On or about Jan. 27 this year, Cheung Kam, it was alleged, presented the girl to Law Ying, who was then living at 105 Temple Street, first floor, as security for a loan of \$100, through the introduction of Yuen Chuen.

Recently, continued Mr. Fraser, the four accused returned from Canton and immediately asked for the return of her multi-tail. She was told by Cheung that the girl had been sold.

Sold

Later that day Ho met the girl at Shanghai Street and was told by her that she had been sold to Law Ying. Ho thereupon went to Cheung's house and together they went to the Temple Street address. There, Law told Ho that she could have back the girl on payment of the \$100 lent to Cheung.

Ho paid over the \$40 she had on her and promised to repay the balance at a later date. She brought the girl back to 17 Woosung Street, first floor. Ho was alleged to have told Mr. Fraser, Mr. Fraser added, that when the girl was with Law Ying she had to do the housework as well as running errands for the prostitutes on the premises.

Concluding, Mr. Fraser said that he was prepared to believe the third defendant's story that she was an innocent party to the whole transaction, and that she was merely acting as a go-between for Law who stated that she wanted to adopt a daughter.

First defendant was fined \$280 (or two months' hard labour); second, four months' hard labour; third, \$20 (or a week's hard labour); fourth, \$50 (or a month's hard labour).

A remand of three days was granted by Mr. F. M. d'Almeida, at Central Magistracy yesterday, when Tsui Kwok Kuen, 21, was charged with demanding \$15 from Wong So with violence.

Japanese Gendarme Acquitted

Sergeant Kawai Hkano, a former member of the Kowloon District Gendarmes charged with three others before the No. 7 War Crimes Court, was acquitted yesterday.

Stating that Kawai had no case to answer, Mr. Matsukawa Yoshihiko, for the defence, said that there was nothing in the evidence of the prosecuting witnesses to connect him with the charge. Only one witness, Tsang Kap, gave some evidence against him, but this witness was not able to identify the defendant in court.

After Major Ormsby had replied for the prosecution, the Court adjourned for a short while and on its return acquitted.

The case against the three others will be continued on Saturday. The four Japanese were accused of having committed war crimes while connected with the Kowloon District Gendarmes in the ill-treating of civilian prisoners resulting in the deaths of a number and physical suffering to others.

The court comprises Lieut. Col. F. Warwick (president), Major V.E. Howse and Capt. J. Benyon. The prosecution is being conducted by Major M.I. Ormsby and the defence by Mr. Matsukawa Yoshihiko with Lt. G.L. Falkoff as advisory officer to the defence.

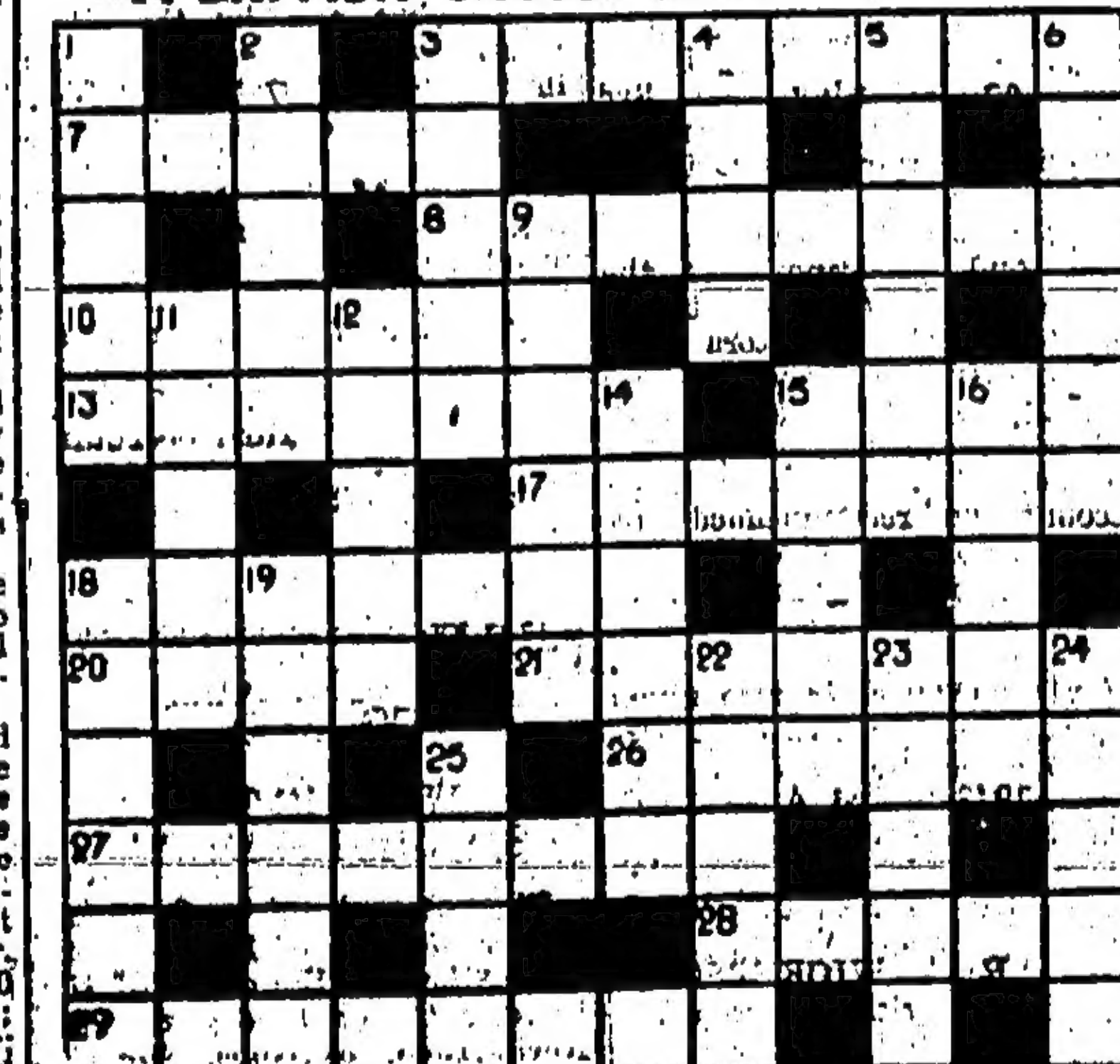
UNLAWFUL BOARDING

Twelve natives of Swatow, including five women and a hunchback, were fined \$200 each or two months' imprisonment at the Marine Court yesterday.

They were convicted of unlawfully boarding the s.s. "Daviken" on Wednesday just before the vessel sailed for Swatow.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Rangoon on account of plague.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Breakage
- 2 Support
- 3 Lures
- 4 Enjoy
- 5 Racecourse
- 6 official
- 7 Wander
- 8 Boils
- 9 Press
- 10 Smiles at
- 11 Scurried
- 12 Scaver
- 13 Ape
- 14 Best for
- 15 Fascinate

Clues Down

- 1 Trips
- 2 Sprung in
- 3 Banquet
- 4 Heal
- 5 Nod
- 6 Church
- 7 Subjects
- 8 Anaesthetic
- 9 Very angry
- 10 Dwell
- 11 Breaks in
- 12 Rhythm
- 13 Indolent
- 14 Selfish
- 15 Persian
- 16 Insect
- 17 Famous
- 18 Racecourse
- 19 Gloss
- 20 Festive
- 21 Occasion

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—Repsaid, 5 Moist, 8 Meter, 9 Lethal, 10 Dazed, 11 Magic, 12 Term, 13 Alert, 14 Heated, 15 Cradle, 16 Green, 17 Scar, 18 Egg, 19 Villa, 20 Ravine, 21 Erred, 22 Lends, 23 Draden.

BY ALEX RAYMOND

IN SHORT, MRS. STARLOCK, I THINK YOU GOT IT. YOU CHEAP BARGAIN! LITTLE SHAWN IS WORTH FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED.

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tun Carpets and Rugs, lovely
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tion. In Waterhouse "Cool-
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sories of Distinction, Suite 302,
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children, require bed and break-
fast on monthly basis, near
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ments in the latest shades and
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tractively priced. Hollywood
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AFTER-OFFICE CLASSES of
Cutting and Sewing, Shanghai
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Also morning and afternoon
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ity), ex-Naval Officers with
five years or more sea ex-
perience and holding a full
watchkeeping certificate for
employment in the Marine De-
partment of the Chinese Mari-
time Customs. Particulars of
contract may be obtained from
the Office of the Chinese Mari-
time Customs, Marina House,
Queen's Road, Central."

EXPERIENCED Gregg Method
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ternal Measurements: 30 x 48
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on

Friday, the 12th. March 1948
commencing at 2.30, p.m.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hankow Road Kowloon.

A Fine Collection of Valuable
Household Furniture

comprising:—

1 Columbia Portable Gramo-
phone, 1 Coolerator, 2 Bed
Room Suites, 2 Dining Room
Suites, 1 Alland, Child's push
Car, Blackwood Joss Table,
Blackwood Music Stool, Dress-
ing Tables, Low Boy, Chest of
Drawers, Single & Double
Bedsteads, Slideboards, Glass
Cabinets, Dining Chairs, Ward-
robes, Carpets, Rugs, Single
Divans, Chesterfield Suites,
Glass Ware, Tea Poy, Easy
Armchair, and Odd Tables,
Etc., Etc.

On View from Thursday, the
11th March 1948.

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for
the post of ASSISTANT
PATHOLOGIST. Commencing
salary of H.K.\$720 per mensem
rising by annual increments to
a maximum of \$1,000 plus Cost
of Living allowance, for the
time being in force. Candidates
must be University graduates
in medicine, should preferably
be not more than 30 years of
age and have had some ex-
perience in clinical pathology,
bacteriology, or routine labora-
tory work. Appointments are
subject to the passing of a
physical examination for fitness
and will be on a probationary
basis for the first two years.
Applications, together with
copies of not more than three
recent testimonials, should
reach the Hon. Director of
Medical Services, Hong Kong
& Shanghai Bank Building, not
later than 15th April, 1948.

I. NEWTON,
Director of Medical Services.
6th March, 1948.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions from The Supg.
Naval Store Officer, H. M.
Naval Dockyard, Hong Kong to
sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 15th. March 1948
commencing at 9.30 a. m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder
Building, Basement

A LARGE QUANTITY OF SURPLUS STORES

comprising:

Generators, Combined Dress-
ings, Glass Plates, Mounting,
Charcoal Boxes, Reflectors,
Chemicals, Hardener, Photo-
graphic Apparatus and Acces-
sories, Hospital Beds, Furni-
ture, Gas Cylinders, Radio
Transmitters, Gas Bottles Mis-
cellaneous, Drums, Radio Equip-
ment and Receiver, Tools, Old
Canvas, Linen and Woollen Rags,
Life Lights, Pillows, Mattres-
ses, Brackets, Lines Coll, Beat
Birkle Huts and Anti Malarial
Spraying Machines etc., etc.

A LARGE SELECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

including:

Ford 4 x 2 Utilities, Hillman
10 H. P. Jeep 4 ton Trucks,
Ford Saloon, Jeeps, Humber,
Ford Station Wagon, Bedford
3 Ton Lorries.

Locations of Stores and
Vehicles as per catalogue.

For Catalogues, Inspection
Permits and Conditions of Sale
apply to the Undersigned.

The above Stores and Vehicles
can be inspected between 9.00
a. m. and 12.00 noon, and be-
tween 2.00 p. m. and 4.00 p. m.
on the 11th, and 12th, and be-
tween 9.00 a. m. and 12.00 noon
on the 13th. March 1948.

Terms: 50% on Fall of Ham-
mer and Balance by the follow-
ing day.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions from The Superin-
tendent, H. M. Victual-
ling Yard, Kowloon to sell by
Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 16th. March 1948
commencing at 10 a. m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder
Building, Basement

A LARGE QUANTITY OF SURPLUS NAVAL CLOTHING

comprising:—

Gloves Anti-flash, Belts
Waist Blue, Stud Protectors,
Nails Tip Heel, Boots Stock-
hold, Brushes Boot Polishing,
Disc Identity Cord for, Laces
Boot Black and Boot Leather,
Polish Boot, Socks White, Stock-
ings Thin Blue, Stockings
White, Drawers Woollen Sub-
marine, Stockings Sea-Boot
Long, Suits Comb Flying Deck,
Vests Winter and Summer, Com-
forters, Duffel Coats, Jerkins
Sheepskin, Drawers Winter
Woollen, Gloves Fitted, Hel-
mets Balachava, Mitts Blue
Woollen, Stockings Sea-Boot
Short, Stockings Sea-Boot Gift,
Helmets Sheepskin and Anti-
Flash, Bags Kit, Beds Marked,
Canvas Combination Suits, Caps
B. C. Seaman's, Caps B. C.
Sea, Caps B. C. Peak, Caps B.
C. Peak Lt/Wt., Caps Cooks O.
R's, Caps White Duck, Collars
Blue Jean, Covers Cap Mar.,
Clews and Lanyards, Lashings,
Nettles, Blue Overall Jackets,
Blue Overall Trousers w/Beckets,
Blue Overall Trousers Bib and
Brace, Blue Overall Combination
Suits, Serge Protective Jackets
and Trousers, Brown Overall
Suits, Jumpers Duck, Trousers,
Duck, Vests Cotton Flannel,
Watchcoats, Tunice Drill,
Trousers Drill and Gloves Blue
Worsted.

The above Articles are at
present located at H. M. Vic-
tualing Yard, Kowloon.

For Conditions of Sale,
Catalogues and Inspection Per-
mits apply to the Undersigned:

Inspection of Articles can be
made between 9.00 a. m. and
12 noon and between 2.00 p. m.
and 4.00 p. m. on 11th, 12th,
and 15th. March 1948, and be-
tween 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon
on 13th. March 1948.

Terms: 50% of Purchase Money
on Fall of Hammer and Balance
by the following day.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
HONG KONG, 20th Feb. 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the
5th March, 1948 to the 19th
March, 1948 both days inclu-
sive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
25th February, 1948.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty Seventh Annual
General Meeting of the Share-
holders will be held in the Jaco-
bean Room of the Hong Kong
Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong-
kong, on Saturday, the 3rd
April, 1948, at Noon for the
following purposes, namely, to
consider the annual statement
of accounts and the balance
sheet, and the reports of the
Directors and Auditors there-
on, to elect Directors and
Auditors in the place of those
retiring, to declare a dividend
and bonus, to appropriate the
balance of Profit and Loss
Account as recommended by
the Directors, and to transact
any other ordinary business of
the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Regis-
ters will be closed from 30th
March, 1948 to 3rd April, 1948,
both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1948.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the TWENTY-FIRST OR-
DINARY YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be
held at the Company's Office
at China Buildings (6th floor),
Hong Kong, on Monday, the
12th April, 1948, at 12 o'clock
noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors
and a Statement of Account
for the year ending the 31st
December, 1947, and of elect-
ing three Directors and an Au-
ditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of
the Company will be CLOSED
from the 30th March, to the
12th April, 1948, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
LI KWAN HUNG
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March 1948.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that it
is the intention of the Urban
Council to exhume all un-
authorised graves and urns in
the New Kowloon No. 7
Cemetery at Ngau Chi Wan.
The exhumations will commence
on 1st September, 1948. The
remains not exhumed will be
removed to New Kowloon No.
8 Cemetery (Diamond Hill Urn
Cemetery) for reburial. All
persons wishing to arrange for
private exhumation of any of
these graves or removal of any
of these urns, should apply to
the Urban Council before 1st
September, 1948.

T. S. D. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.
10th March, 1948.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING POSTPONED
TO 6th APRIL, 1948.

Since further amendments to
the proposed new Articles of
Association had to be made, it
will be necessary to postpone
the Extraordinary General
Meeting originally called for
15th March, 1948, and

NOTICE IS HEREBY given
that the EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
will be held at the Club House
on TUESDAY, 6th April, 1948,
at 6 p.m., when the subjoined
Resolution will be proposed as
a Special Resolution.

"That the Articles of
Association adopted by the
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
by an extraordinary resolution
passed on the 25th day of
October, 1933, and confirmed as
a Special Resolution on the
15th day of November, 1933, be
hereby revoked.

FURTHER THAT the Articles
of Association, a copy whereof
has for identification been
signed by the Commodore, Mr.
N. V. A. Croucher, and by the
Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. S. Coote,
and has been open for inspection
in the Hon. Secretary's Office
since the 12th day of March,
1948, be and are hereby adopted
as the Articles of Association
of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht
Club."

A copy of the proposed
amended Articles signed by the
Commodore and by the Hon.
Secretary is open for inspection
in the Hon. Secretary's Office,
Room 132, Gloucester Building.

Copies of the amendments
will be circulated to all
members.

By Order of the Committee,
F. S. COOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the offices of the
Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd
April, 1948, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the General Managers to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1947.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 18th March to the
2nd April, 1948, both days in-
clusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

U.S.R.C.

EASTERN DANCE

Will be held on Saturday
27th March

Tickets now on sale at Club
from Hon. Secretary, Price
\$4.00.

Statement on February 28th
that tickets for this dance were
sold out was INCORRECT,
however, TICKETS will be
LIMITED.

NOTE: Evening Dress
Compulsory.

BOAC Service To Japan

The first British civil air
service between the United
Kingdom and Japan is due to
open on March 19 when
B.O.A.C. will extend the exist-
ing flyingboat Speedbird route
now ending at Hong Kong to
Iwakuni near Kure. The ulti-
mate terminal will be Tokyo.
Hong Kong to Iwakuni will
be flown in one stage and their
extension of the service will
add 1,363 miles to the route
making the overall distance
from Poole (Dorset) to Japan
of 10,625 miles.

Night stops will be made at
Carlo, Karachi, Calcutta, Bang-
kok and Hong Kong and the
whole journey will occupy seven
days.

Four-engined Plymouth fly-
ingboats equipped to carry 22
passengers, mail and cargo will
be used and it is planned to
operate a through service once
weekly in each direction at
first. The first departure from
Japan for the United Kingdom
is scheduled for March 26.

Fares will be £214 single
and £385 return.

Opium Den Arrests

Inspector Heyward was respon-
sible for raiding an opium divan
in Wanchai district on Wednes-
day when at about 10.10 p.m. he
raided the first floor of No. 7
Amoy Street and arrested the
keeper and 17 smokers.

Arraigned before Mr. F.X.
d'Almada yesterday, the keeper
was fined \$850 or four months' im-
prisonment while the 17 smokers
were fined \$25 or 10 days.

For keeping an opium divan
and allowing four smokers to fre-
quent the premises, Inspector J.
Mills prosecuted the defendants
before Mr. F.X. d'Almada yester-
day. The keeper was given 12
months and a recommendation for
banishment, while the bail of
the smokers was released.

Wong Fu, 32, female of 18,
Hollywood Road first floor was
also arraigned before Mr. F.X.
d'Almada and booked on a
charge of keeping the divan and
permitting four smokers on the
premises.

She pleaded that she had a
daughter of eight and the pipe
and opium was given her by a
friend who had taken pity on
her that she might make a living.
She received 12 months and a
recommendation for banishment
while the smokers got off with
\$25 or 10 days.

But She Was A Good Cook

London, Mar. 10.
Sir John and Lady Rigby
searched today for a new maid
after the former cabaret dancer
they hired, "with the highest
references," gave a week-end
party on Sir John's champagne,
gave another party, next day
on Sir John's vintage port, and
then called in a Jeweller to buy
the Rigbys' antique gems.

The Court decided yesterday
that there was something
wrong with 40-year-old Mrs.
MacKenzie's references since
she had been released from pri-
son only three days before Sir
John hired her.

"She was really a wonderful
cook," said Sir John sadly—
United Press.

Nanking, Mar. 11.
President Chiang Kai-shek today
sent birthday greetings to Frederik
IX of Denmark. The Generalissimo's
message said: "On the occasion of
your Majesty's birthday, please accept
my warmest solicitations and best
wishes for many happy returns."
Reuter.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
the ordinary yearly general
meeting of shareholders of the
Company will be held at the
head office of the Company, 6
Des Voeux Road Central, Hong-
kong, on Monday the 15th
March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for
the purpose of receiving and
considering the reports of the
Directors and of the Auditors
and the Profit and Loss Ac-
count and Balance Sheet for
the year ending 31st December,
1947, and for the appointment
of auditors and declaration of
dividends.

The Register of Shares of
the Company will be closed
from the 15th day of March to
15th March, 1948 (both days
inclusive) during which period
no transfer of shares will be
registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. A. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

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PALESTINE BILL APPROVED

Labour Revolt Fizzles Out In House

Up To Others To Find Solution

London, Mar. 10. The British people "will not tolerate any new commitment in Palestine after our bitter and tragic experience", the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said today. They had given much for the fulfilment of international responsibilities and should not be asked to endure more.

"It is now for others to find and implement a solution which has eluded us," Mr. Creech Jones declared.

He was opening the Commons debate on a Government Bill providing for the handing over of the British mandate on May 15.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, Mr. Creech Jones said that after May 15, British jurisdiction in Palestine would cease. The British forces still there after that date would be in the position of armed forces in foreign territory.

Their actions would be limited to whatever might be required for their withdrawal and the protection of themselves and their stores.

Nemeses

Asked what would happen if the United Nations Commission did not take over on May 15, Mr. Creech Jones said: "We have tried to create conditions whereby an orderly life can continue in Palestine, by creating security forces and transferring power to local councils of Jewish and Arab groups in order that as much as possible of the normal life and services can continue."

If the Palestine Commission was unable to undertake its responsibility, "we shall be confronted by a different and new situation."

Terrorism in Palestine, he said, had found its nemesis in the attitude of the British people to this problem.

Mr. Richard Butler, Conservative, announced the Opposition's intention not to vote against the Bill. He said his hesitation to pass the Bill might give an impression that Britain could be constrained into assuming responsibilities which conflicted with the principles laid down by the Colonial Secretary—"principles which have the support of British public opinion as a whole."

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Britain's New Troop Carrier

Radlett Aerodrome, Hertfordshire, Mar. 10. The latest British military plane, the 50-seater Handley Page Hastings, left here today on a 26,000-mile test flight, in which it will visit Malta, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Singapore and Australia.

The plane's behaviour under tropical conditions will be tested during the six-weeks flight. The Hastings can carry 50 fully equipped troops or guns and lorries weighing seven and a half tons.

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authority was withdrawn. He accused the Government of delaying and frustrating the work of the United Nations Assembly, instead of helping in the work of the Commission.

The Labour amendment to the Bill was defeated by 240 votes to 30.

The Bill was read a second time—agreed to in principle—without a division.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN RETURNS A NOTE

London, Mar. 10. Britain was unable to accept a note from Guatemala last week disclaiming responsibility for the attack on the British Legation in Guatemala City on March 1, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today.

The note was delivered to the British Government on March 4, in reply to a strong British protest after "insulting placards" had been stuck to the Legation building and the Guatemalan flag hoisted to the official flagstaff.

The British Minister in Guatemala, Mr. W. H. Galliano, was instructed to return the note, Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin said the demonstration constituted a threat to the safety of the premises and staff. He had impressed on the Guatemalan Minister in London, General Miguel Fuentes, the importance attached by the British Government to the protection of diplomatic premises abroad in accordance with international law.

Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition, declared that conduct of this kind, entirely contrary to recognized international behaviour, was "hardly a recommendation for Guatemala to have a square inch of anybody's soil."

Mr. Bevin replied: "I conveyed our feelings very strongly to the Guatemalan Minister. He is under no illusions and neither is his Government."—Reuter.

SURPLUS GOODS FOR CHINA

Washington, Mar. 10. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, told a press conference today that by June 30, 1948, surplus property to an estimated value of \$500,000,000 would have been transferred from the Pacific Islands to China.—Reuter.

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BUSINESS AND EXCHANGE

One significant omission was noticeable in the Hon. K.D. Gillespie's otherwise comprehensive survey of Hong Kong trade and industry at the annual meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce. From beginning to end, no reference was made to the Colony's exchange problems, although these must have engaged the considerable attention of every local business man, particularly in the last four or five months.

How much is involved is indicated by two factors. The keen interest now being taken in London in exchange movements in Hong Kong was amply illustrated by Wednesday's question in the House of Commons, to which Mr. Gillmanville Hall replied indicating the imminence of further measures to check a leakage of gold dollars, if further measures are practicable. This reply, clearly, is linked with the presence of an official of the Bank of England, whose mission is somewhat "hush-hush" but must logically be connected with Britain's concern, over "free market" activities in Hong Kong and the hints of damaging gold dollar leakages through this Colony.

Many of the allegations are, of course, based upon an incomplete knowledge of the facts, and local business men (not yet accustomed to the commercial regimentation that Britain's economic situation requires in the United Kingdom) almost certainly insist that Hong Kong's exchange control system is, in all conscience, rigid to the point of acting in severe restraint of trade. In this connection, Mr. Portmore's visit should serve to clear up much misunderstanding and satisfy official minds at Home that the deleterious effects of such exchange manipulations as are operated through Hong Kong have been highly exaggerated.

Nor is it to be overlooked that Hong Kong is hardly to be considered in importance beside the "free markets" operating in Milan, Rome and Paris, where the tendency has been exactly the same as in Hong Kong, to put the American dollar at a considerable premium over the pound in comparison with official rates. There is always a risk of psychological damage to sterling's status in such a situation, but the danger in Paris, ordinarily the most important financial centre on the Continent, must be immeasurably greater than here in Hong Kong, on the extreme edge of things. The practical risk of any considerable leakage, too, is not great and the surprising thing is that so much fuss is being made about it.

Looking at Mr. Gillespie's survey in the light of these facts, it is possible that he left unsaid a great deal that might have been said, very conscious that he was so doing. For the rest, his analysis covered a great deal of ground but added little to the sum of human knowledge. Hong Kong's interest in the preservation of the system of Imperial Preferences, for instance, leaves no room for argument. Quite rightly, however, Mr. Gillespie insisted that it would most unwise for Hong Kong to place entire reliance upon such adroit aids if her merchants desire to maintain their place in competitive markets.

The position of the local shipyards, where labour costs are so high that their tenders for new construction can be underbid almost anywhere in the world, points a moral which is not easily to be dismissed. In the line of remedy, the Chamber's chairman had few suggestions to offer. A few forward-looking businessmen have tried to do the best of five companies, while the more

The loss of Burma was the most serious Allied reverse in the Pacific, according to General Wavell, whose official despatches are released today.

FAILED TO IMPRESS WHITEHALL BRASS

By Harold Guard

London, Mar. 11. Form a strategic point of view the loss of Burma was the most serious Allied reverse in the war against Japan, according to General Sir Archibald Wavell in official despatches released for publication today.

The despatches cover operations in Burma from December 15, 1941 to May 20, 1942 and include the official reports of Lieut.-Gen. T. J. Hutton and General Sir Harold Alexander, successive commanders in Burma when the Allied armies were being forced to retreat by vastly superior enemy strength.

Nowhere in the despatches does any one of the Generals make excuses for the Allied defeat which has already been aptly summarized by the American General Joseph Stilwell's down-right verdict: "We took one hell of a licking," although General Alexander emphasizes that "any idea that the Army in Burma was driven back by inferior numbers is entirely incorrect."

General Wavell again reviews the unfortunate circumstances which resulted in Burma being transferred three times from one command to another.

"The War Office was too far away and too occupied with other matters to concern itself with, or even to understand, the needs of Burma, to which India would have given sympathetic consideration as part of her own defence," he records, adding that it had long been apparent to him it was quite impossible for Burma's requirements to be met in time from the United Kingdom.

Cardinal Error

"The cardinal mistake was the placing of Burma in the Far East Command instead of under India," he declares, claiming that recommendations to this effect had repeatedly been made by himself and several successive Commanders-in-Chief in India, including his predecessor Gen Sir Claude Auchinleck.

Their recommendations were not accepted by the War Office, apparently through political considerations, even when the Japanese had occupied Indo-China and brought danger to Burma much closer. Later, the fall of Singapore convinced the War Office the change of command was justified, when it was too late.

Gen. Wavell said he was greatly concerned by the extent of unpreparedness in Burma's defence when he took over the command.

"So dangerous to India did I consider the situation to be, I insisted the dispatch to Burma of an additional Indian Infantry Brigade and battery and arranged for a senior administrative officer to visit Burma and ascertain their most pressing needs," he records in his official dispatch.

But he failed to impress the brass-hats in Whitehall to whom there seemed little pressing danger by Burma protected on the east by two neutral states, Siam and Indo-China, both of which had professed their intention to defend themselves against Japanese aggression, and by natural difficulties on the mountainous undeveloped country on her border while so long as Singapore remained, there was little danger of a threat from the sea.

"Unlikely"

Thus it was that Burma's requirements continued to be placed low on the War Office priority list despite Wavell's insistence that more attention should be paid to deficiencies in Burma's defences.

"Both the War Office and the Far Eastern Command informed me that an attack in force against Burma was unlikely until the Japanese had completed their campaigns in Malaya and the Philippines," Wavell says.

London, Mar. 11. In addition, Wavell records, he asked Chiang Kai-shek, for temporary use of Lend-Lease material for China, which was stacked in large quantities in (Rangoon) to make good Burma's deficiencies.

Reasons For Refusal

It has been alleged that his refusal of this offer was a main contributing factor to the loss of Burma, but Wavell gives his very good reasons for the refusal.

"The Generalissimo made it perfectly clear that it was a condition of his offer that a separate line of communications should be available for his troops, and that they should not in any way be mixed up with British troops. But it was impossible at the time. The Chinese who had no administrative services of their own would have complicated the already difficult administrative problem in Burma. These were the reasons for my qualified acceptance of the Generalissimo's offer. It should be noted that a Chinese 'Army' was the equivalent in numbers of a British division, but with much lower scale of equipment. I am quite satisfied by the military situation as it appeared to me at the time. Nor had I any reason to know that the Chinese attached great political importance to acceptance of the offer. From subsequent experience of the slowness of the Chinese troops moves, I think that even if I had accepted the whole of the Fifth and Sixth armies at once, they would actually have reached Burma very little, if any, sooner than they eventually did," Wavell contends.

As things have turned out, however, he admits it would have saved much criticism in China and the United States had he accepted the Generalissimo's offer wholeheartedly and at once.

Fifth Column

On internal affairs in Burma at the time, Wavell observes: "The importance of fifth column has been exaggerated; the number of rebels who took arms against us was small, but the moral effect on the soldier that a proportion of the population was potentially hostile and treacherous was considerable."

Li Gen, T. J. Hutton prefaces his account of the despatches with a criticism of the intelligence system in Burma.

"No arrangements had been made to provide for external intelligence before the war and as a result we were usually in complete ignorance of what was happening just over the Thailand border. The same applied to internal intelligence," he records.

Hutton's version of the Burma campaign portrays a gloomy picture throughout.

One of the worst features of the situation in Burma was the attitude of 'unsubscribed' elements towards the unfortunate Indian population who were recruited and maltreated in a most shameful manner in spite of the efforts of many well-disposed Burmans to help them," Hutton said.

Traitor Forces

"He did not attach any great importance to the activities of the Free Burma Army which opposed the Allies in the earlier part of the campaign."

"With the progress of invasion and the organization of the so-called Free Burma Army, the situation naturally grew worse but it is fair to say that the traitor forces achieved remarkably little, although their presence was a constant threat," he records.

March 5, 1942 for the last round in the losing fight for Burma.

General Alexander's account starts off by forthrightly declaring "there was no real unity of command of the Allied forces in Burma although I had been nominally appointed Commander of the Chinese Armies."

Inference to be drawn from his section of the despatches is that the Chinese forces did not give a very good account of themselves in the early days of 1942 and there is little doubt that Alexander more than once was at loggerheads with the American General Joseph Stilwell who, it is widely known, always resented any superior command over the Chinese which he considered to be his own.

Absence Of Road

Alexander also makes it plain that there was nothing he could do but try to delay the Japanese advance as much as possible while the Allies retreated from Burma.

"I wish to emphasize that in the absence of a road to India the loss of Rangoon virtually decided the issue of the Campaign in Burma. Thereafter my task was to impose on the enemy the maximum delay possible with the means remaining at my disposal."

"I wish also to draw attention to the vulnerability of eastern countries where the ignorance and gullibility of the population renders them more susceptible to the lying tongue of rumour than their western brothers. The Japanese always had the help of local guides and had many friends among the local population."

"In fact they had all the advantages which accrue from having a plan and from preparations made over a long period in time of peace," he records.

However, Alexander pays tribute to some sections of the Burma population particularly the Burma Army Signals which had a large proportion of Karens and some Burmese personnel, which "did magnificent work and was completely reliable."

"The inadequacy of defence preparations in Burma were the chief cause of our defeat. Owing to our failure to reinforce the enemy was nearly always a march ahead of us. It is easy to see that even one more infantry brigade received early in January would have sufficed to turn the scale in practically every battle from Kawartha to Rangoon. But throughout the operations the enemy were superior in numbers, usually about two to one on the actual battle front," General Alexander concludes.—United Press.

PLANE FARES RAISED

Shanghai, Mar. 11. The Ministry of Communication has authorised both CNAC and CATC to increase as from today passages within and from the country by 45 per cent.

Thus it will cost one CN\$11,000 to travel from here to Hong Kong and CN\$10,400 from Chungking to Hong Kong.—Central News.

TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

Appreciation for gifts vouchsafed is seldom thought of as one of the qualities required for a well-rounded bridge player. On special occasions, however, it can be one of the most important of all your assets. That is, if you can recognize that a present of a lot of points is probably being offered in your side, through the bidding of your opponents. In many such spots, the soundest action is to pass and see if your partner wants to double, instead of going on with your own bidding.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"They're all coming through a bit large this year, sir—people have so much on their minds!"

Lands Of Chewing Gum And Mahogany

A week ago not one English man or woman in a hundred could have given a satisfactory answer if asked, suddenly, "Where is Guatemala?"

It was one of those hazy areas in the average citizen's geography. But now, with great glibness—having seen the maps thrust into his hands—the citizen can tell us that it lies in Central America, on Latitude 15, next to British Honduras. And he may give a fair account of the dispute now on between the two countries. Beyond that? Still very hazy.

So let us get to know a little more about the Mahogany Country (which is British Honduras) and the Chewing-Gum Land.

Here are some facts for your week-end conversation.

British Honduras, which is a little bigger than Wales, is the Mahogany Country, because this wood is its chief export.

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Arrival would surprise you. You might not expect to find Belize, the capital (and centre of the dispute), so well laid out. It is hard to believe that it lies in an area of mangrove swamps.

Epidemics of cholera, yellow fever and other tropical diseases have been frequent. It is hot, humid and relaxing. But high tides which cover the swamps and invigorating breezes blowing in from the sea make it a lot healthier than it sounds.

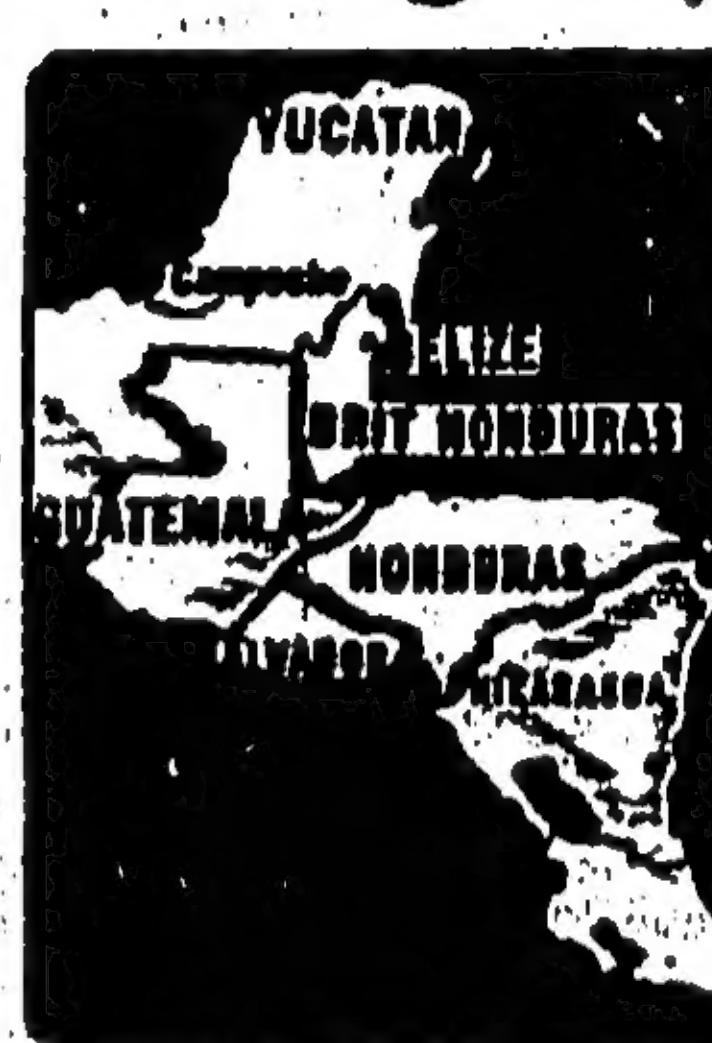
Apart from the swamps, the colony is thickly forested, its trees interlaced with giant creepers in which roam jaguar, tapir and deer.

British woodcutters who came here in the 17th century founded the colony, the Spanish tried to throw them out, there were a few local wars, and a century ago it became British.

rebild hearts on the preceding round, whereupon South's diamond rebid instead of supporting the major showed he did not have three hearts. West therefore was pretty sure, to have four. Actually he had five.

If East had reckoned thus and passed the 3-Hearts, West would have doubled, and the result should have been at least 300 points for the defenders.

Note what a swing East's unwise 3-Hearts caused. The diamond, K went to the A, the spade K lost to the A, the club 2 put South in with the A, the diamond Q won, the diamond 3 was ruffed by the spade 2 and the heart K scored. That set the doubled contract, a plenty had result compared to what would have happened if East had passed the 3-Hearts.



GETTING TO KNOW

To-day there is a population of 65,000, of whom 14,000 are Indians. Belize and only one in 25 is white. Descendants of the Spaniards, Creoles, Syrians and Chinese make up the rest.

And there's at least one very pleasant fact to record about British Honduras—income-tax is only 1s. in the £ on the first taxable £250!

Over to Guatemala—which, after Mexico, is the largest producer of chicle gum, which is the basis of chewing gum.

Her claim to the Colony of British Honduras is an old one. In 1840, she was on the point of invading our little Caribbean land. But she didn't. Britain offered to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice, as she has again to-day, and no more was heard about it.

Old And New

Guatemala, which is 100 years old as a republic, is a mixture of ancient and modern.

In 1839 reports like these reached Britain: "Wild Mayan tribesmen, fierce fighters, who kill with poisoned arrows, stormed through the jungle along the Northern Guatemalan border when the revolution against Guatemalan Dictator, General Urrutia, broke out. The rebels were beaten but another revolt in 1944 overthrew President Urrutia."

Yet in 1945 under a new constitution women are given the vote (if they can read and write) and 18. A heavy rain in 1945, miraculously. Climate is good, but it's very wet. They say in some parts it rains 13 months in the year.

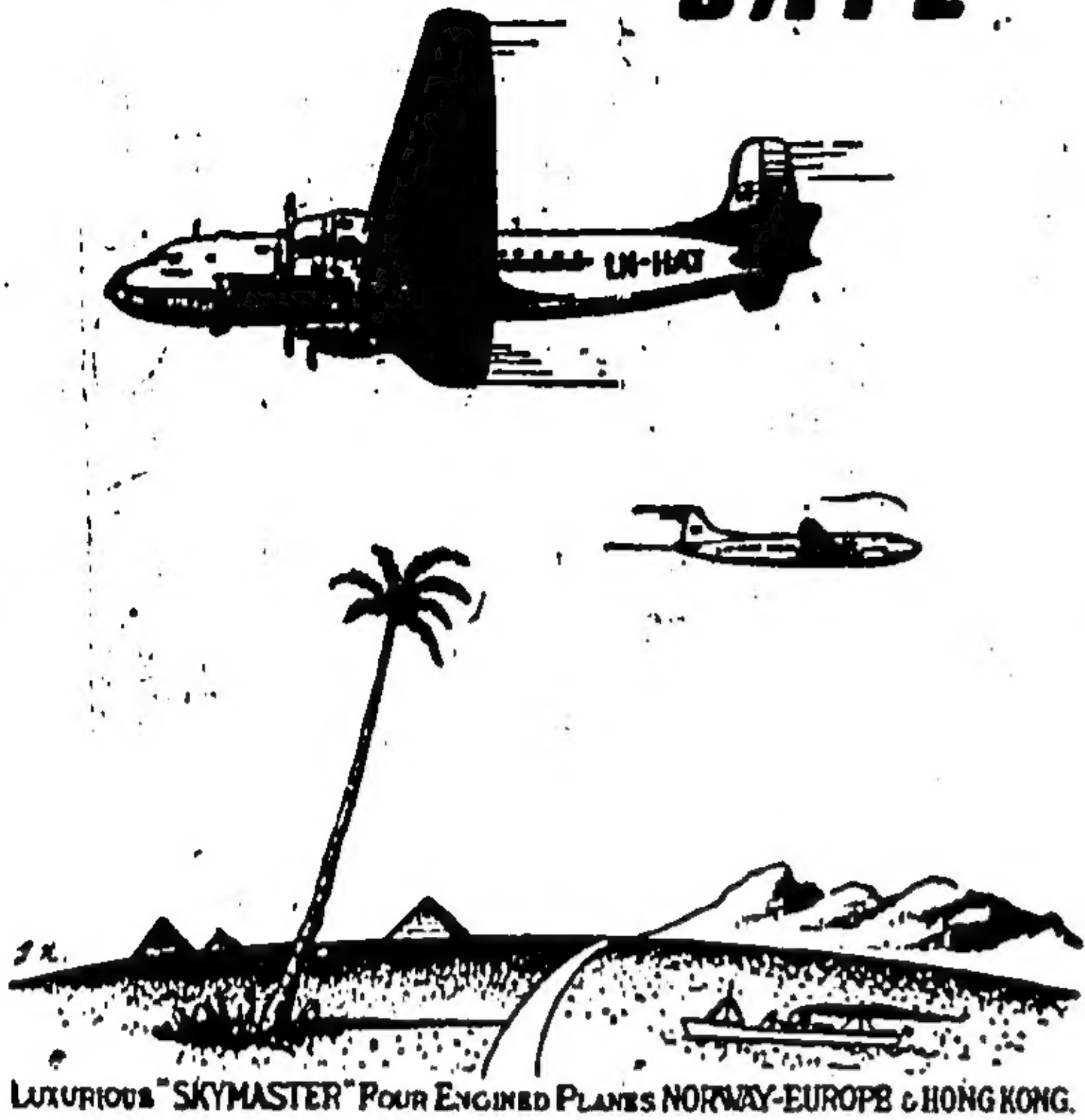
PITT CLARK.

Commission To Sit On Rioting

London, Mar. 10. The Government will set up a commission to inquire into the Gold Coast riots, which cost 28 lives up to March 9, the Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr. David Rees-Williams, told Parliament today.

The terms of reference would include a study of the underlying causes of the trouble, which was set off by an African women's demonstration against the Police officers were struck in the face by bricks and stones and were bleeding 'pretty badly' before the order to stop the demonstration was given, said Mr. Rees-Williams.

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MILITARY AID FOR CHINA

Would Stop Reds In Europe--Chennault

Soviet Ambitions In Orient

Washington, Mar. 10.
Military aid to China would help stop "Russian aggression" in Europe, Major General Claire Chennault, who commanded the "Flying Tigers" volunteer air force in China before the outbreak of the Pacific War, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today.

General Chennault, who flew here from China to give evidence on the \$570,000,000 Aid to China Bill, said failure to assist the Nanking Government would inevitably set the stage for World War III.

"The general told Congressmen: 'China's enormous population could furnish almost unlimited manpower for military operations if properly trained, equipped and supplied.'

"At least, the fact that they could not be dominated and trained as slave labour by Russian masters would be of utmost value to us. 'It is not difficult to understand why Russia would not voluntarily launch an offensive in Europe so long as China remains uncommenced. 'Nor should it be hard to understand why a third world war is improbable if China remains our friend and ally.'

General Chennault read a 13-page statement which ended with this summary:

Threat To Peace

"Firstly, world peace is definitely threatened by the worldwide expansion plans of the Communist leaders. 'Secondly, a strong, independent anti-Communist Chinese National Government constitutes our only hope of halting the spread of Communism in Asia and of preserving the peace of the world.

"China, because of its strategic geographical position, must be included in any overall plan for resisting the spread of Communism, for, if China goes Communist, all of continental Asia will quickly follow and there will be no continental bases left to us.

"Thirdly, after more than 10 years of continuous warfare, China has almost reached the end of her resources. She must have substantial military, economic and financial aid quickly if an anti-Communist National Government is to survive.

Setting The Stage

"Fourthly, failure to provide adequate aid to China at this time will constitute the greatest failure of American foreign policy in all of our history and will inevitably set the stage for World War III.

"I am convinced that our plans and preparations to date have caused Communist leaders very little, if any, real concern.

"In fact, it is more than likely they have fitted into Russia's long-range policy very nicely.

"While agitating the political waters of Europe with regularly and considerable violence, the Communist leaders cannot be deeply concerned with the European situation as it affects their ultimate objective.

"It is hardly conceivable that the expenditure of any sum of money, however enormous, could, within a reasonable period of years, rehabilitate the preponderantly anti-Communist states of Europe to a point where they could resist the full power of the Russian offensive for more than a few months.

"We are actually planning the rehabilitation by the expenditure of large sums of money and goods of a number of states in Europe whose people may have to accept communism at any time.

Communist Plan

"While we have concentrated our attention upon Europe, whose value is doubtful as an asset for the prevention of war or for the winning of a war which may be forced upon us, the Communists are pushing on rapidly with their plan for communising China.

"The Communist record in Asia since V-E Day indicates unmistakably that they have a very definite, well oriented plan for the communisation of continental Asia.

"It is my firm belief that the Communists will not launch an attack in the West until they have secured their eastern continental front by the communisation of China at least.

"It is also my firm belief that if, and when, China is communised, we will be confronted immediately with the necessity for deciding whether we will engage in a third world war, or retire to the defence of the American continent.

"It is obvious that under such conditions, our chance of defending the European states which remain outside the iron curtain at that time will not only be extremely doubtful but enormously expensive.

"In my opinion, China is the key to world peace, or to victory if a third world war is precipitated by accident or design.

Infiltration

"The leaders of Communism intend to communise all the nations of the world, either by peaceful infiltration and internal revolution, or by force of arms," General Chennault went on.

"I believe these men to be sincere when they proclaim they do not want war. War is destructive and they greatly prefer infiltration and internal revolution, but their emphasis on military preparations, and their refusal consistently to participate in a peaceful democratic world Government under the United Nations, clearly reveals they will not hesitate to plunge the world in another world war if their objective cannot be obtained by other means.

"However, this is where the importance of China comes in. The Communist leaders will not resort to war lightly or casually.

"The Communist leaders are probably the most realistic people in the world today, and they had bitter experience in two world wars.

"I am convinced they will not deliberately resort to open warfare until they have obtained certain strategic objectives which they consider necessary for victory.

"The domination of China is one of these strategic essentials before they can feel safe in making war on the world.

"Our only hope of avoiding another war may depend on our ability to plan and prepare for war in such a manner as to convince our realistic opponents they cannot possibly win by force of arms."

Do It Now

General Chennault said Russia had learned from Germany the mistake of war by two fronts, and he added: "Our preparations must include the strengthening of powerful anti-Communist blocs in Asia as well as in Europe, and I am convinced that we can strengthen these blocs in Asia by an effective one in Europe."

PALESTINE CALL

Jerusalem, Mar. 10.
Police Headquarters today called for 500 volunteers to remain in Haifa to "protect British lives and property" during the final stage of the British withdrawal.

The appeal, to all British ranks of the Palestine Police, said that the volunteers would do duty only in the Haifa area.—Reuter.

Ball Pen Factory In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 11.

Mr. Milton Reynolds, Chicago millionaire ball pen manufacturer, is making arrangements to establish a Reynolds pen factory in Shanghai in the near future, according to press reports today.

Machines capable of producing 10,000 pens daily are expected to arrive in Shanghai within the next four months.

The profits from sale of pens manufactured in Shanghai will be donated to charity projects of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The idea for a pen factory in China sprang from a visit which Mr. Reynolds made with Madame Chiang to the latter's charitable activities, such as the New Life Movement schools for war refugees children, nurseries and other projects.—Reuter.

Science To Help Rice Crops

Baguio, Mar. 10.
The creation of an international committee of scientists and technicians to improve and increase the world's rice crops was decided upon here today by the Food and Agricultural Organisation's committee on the expansion of rice production.

The Far East Regional Office of the F.A.O. will organise the technical group from candidates put up by the rice-growing member nations and divide its work into three sub-committees for "cultivation and control", for "water machinery and equipment" and for "soil agronomy and plant improvement".

The efforts of the non-Asian nations to get full membership in the proposed South-East Asia rice body were defeated today when delegates voted that the international organisation's sub-committee had the right to draft a rice group constitution, which gives the non-Asian nations only associate membership.

Today's debates disposed of the constitution preamble only and with numerous amendments. The draft constitution for the proposed rice body would create a South-East Rice Committee, with Asiatic nations as members and non-Asians as associates.

Its proposed functions are: 1.—To formulate scientific and economic problems of the production, conservation, distribution and consumption of rice. 2.—To promote and coordinate research.

3.—To undertake cooperative projects and make recommendations to member governments and the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Mr. Mark B. Williamson, an observer from the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers, told Reuters that if the recommendations thus far reached by the Conference were put in practice by member governments, he believed they would assist materially in solving the world's food problem.—Reuter.

Effectiveness would come only from concerted military, economic and financial assistance.

Emphasising the importance of immediate action, he said: "Time has now become of paramount importance. Continued delay in furnishing aid will result in material and spiritual losses which may never be regained."

Mr. William H. Macdonald, a United States official, said that the United States would be very glad to assist in any way possible in solving the world's food problem.

Western Union Agreement

Brussels, Mar. 10.
The five powers, Britain, France and the three Benelux countries, who have been meeting in Brussels for the past six days to draft a treaty for a Western Union, have reached agreement in principle on all outstanding points.

The chief Belgian delegate, M. Fernand Van Langenhove, said that the only remaining question was the wording.

This would be tackled by the drafting committee and examined at the next plenary session of the Conference tonight, he declared.

Full agreement had been reached on the British counter-proposals placed before the Conference last night and referred to the Benelux countries.

A conference of six Belgian military attaches was held here today, a spokesman of the Belgian Ministry of National Defence announced.

The attaches from Washington, London, Ottawa, Paris, Bern and Prague attended under the presidency of General Baels, Chief of the General Headquarters of the Belgian Army, for an exchange of views on the military aspect of the present international situation.

Source close to the Government said that although the conference was arranged before the five-power treaty talks were planned, they did not discount the possibility that the military aspect of such a treaty was discussed.—Reuter.

Ex-Officer's Denial

Rangoon, Mar. 10.
A former British Army officer, Major C. H. Young, today denied charges of selling arms to the Burmese ex-Premier, U. Saw, who is under sentence of death for his share in the Burmese State assassination of last July.

When his trial reopened today, the Major, who formerly served with the Burmese Engineering Corps, declared that he was on leave in India from Dec. 13, 1948, to Feb. 8, 1947—the period in which he was alleged to have disposed of the arms.

He was originally charged with violation of the Arms Act on three occasions, but later the prosecution decided to argue its case on one count only.

The judge will transfer the court into the condemned cell at Insulin goal when the trial is resumed on March 13, to take a statement from U Saw.—Reuter.

CALL TO BRITAIN

London, Mar. 10.
Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a broadcast to the British people today, called for a full response to the country's grave and urgent needs.

The Government's economic survey published yesterday, he said, must be made to succeed and the British people must show the world that once they had got through their present difficulties, "we, in Britain, can look after our own future" without American aid.

However, Britain could not maintain imports of food and raw materials. It was not enough to produce the goods, but to produce the goods at a low enough price to be sold abroad.—Reuter.

N.U.J. OFFERS SANCTUARY

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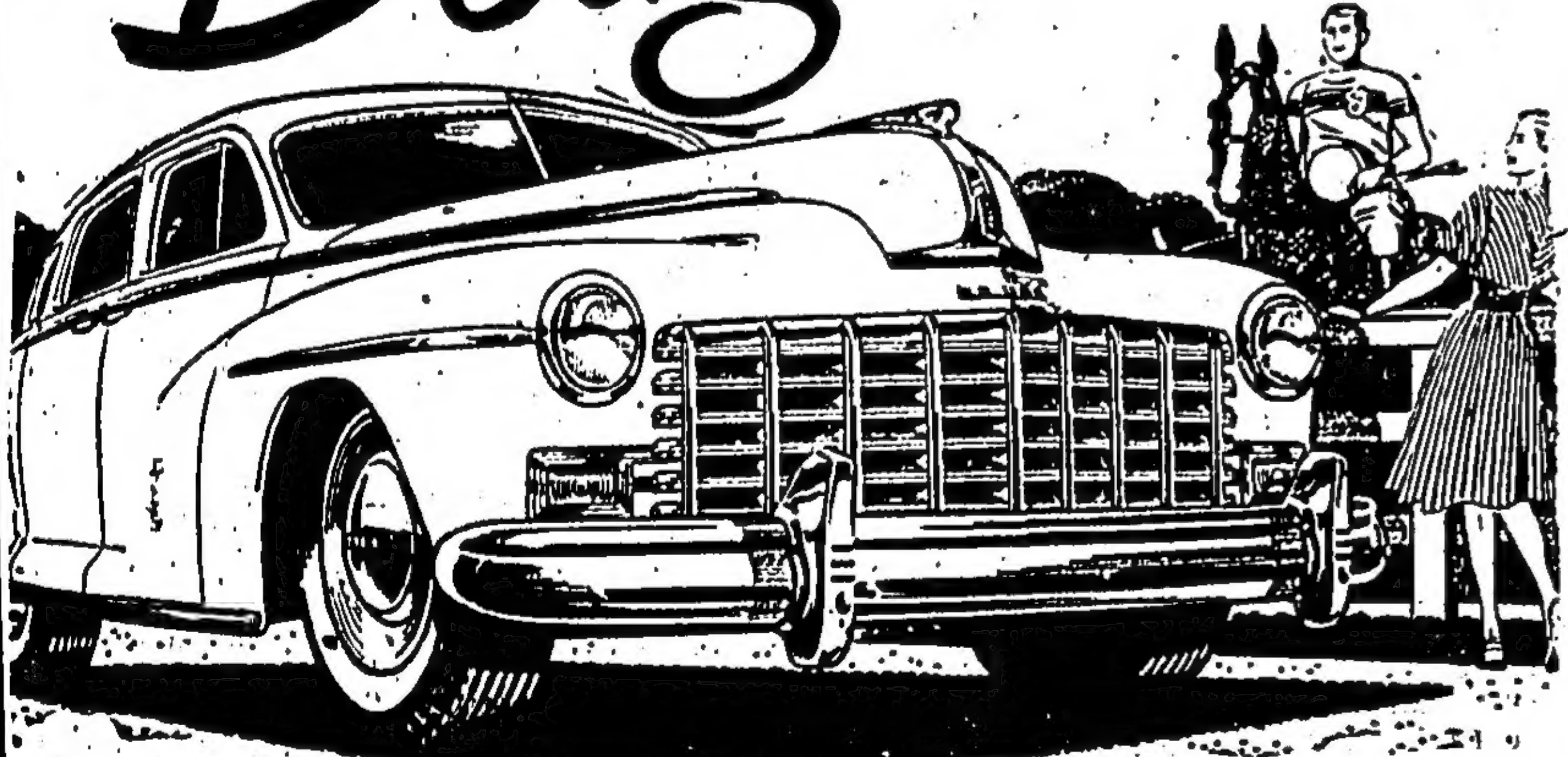
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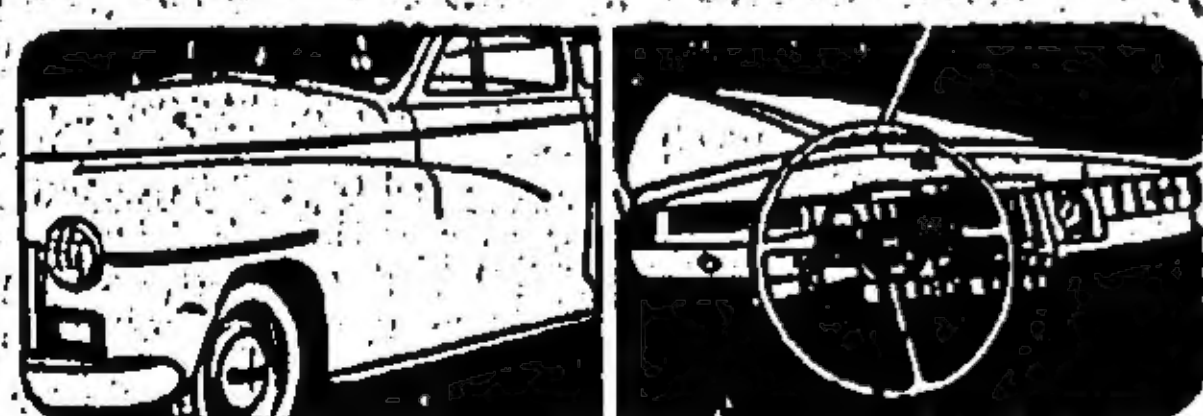
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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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CINEMA WORLD

THE CHAMPION MOVIE FAN Nineteen-Year-Old Wins Magazine Competition

A pretty, 19-year-old New York bookkeeper, whose knowledge of Hollywood and the movies amounted to what she saw twice a week on her neighborhood screens, on Wednesday found herself suddenly catapulted into fame with her selection by Motion Picture Magazine as America's Champion Movie Fan!

As a result, Miss Arlyne Rogers, of 360 Cabrini Blvd., New York 33, has begun a round of Manhattan's smart shops and beauty salons in preparation for her departure, on the Santa Fe "Chief" for Hollywood, the romantic trip which is her grand prize for topping more than ten thousand of the nation's film fans who submitted entries in the contest.

In announcing Miss Rogers' name in the April issue of Motion Picture Magazine, as winner of the contest to find the country's foremost fan, Maxwell Hamilton, editor, was quick to point out that the competition was not based merely on the number of pictures seen, or in fact on any of the typical standards by which film fans are known.

A Judge

"We felt America's champion movie fan should be first and foremost a person who is able to judge films critically," Mr. Hamilton said. "For that reason, the winner was selected on the basis of her ability to judge a feature film by the same standards by which professional critics do it. Miss Rogers was so close to the critics in her ratings, she almost could be one of them."

A movie fan all her life, Miss Rogers at one time even entertained the idea of becoming an actress herself. After a year

at Manhattan's American Academy of Dramatic Arts, however, she concluded that her ability lay in some other field, and she turned toward a business career. Now her dream of one day going to Hollywood for a whirl around the film studios has been dramatically realized.

"The only trouble now is," she remarked when informed of her victory in the contest, "that I haven't a thing to wear!"

No Worries

The staff of Motion Picture Magazine assured her she needn't worry about that, however. She will be completely outfitted before her departure for the west coast, and, once in Hollywood, she will be taken on a tour of the film capitals beauty and fashion centres, and will be given an opportunity to inspect the studios, watch pictures in the making and meet many of the famous stars she has but dreamed about up until now.

At the same time, Atwater Kent, famous party giver of the screen colony, has indicated a desire to have Miss Rogers as his guest at one of Hollywood's typical parties, and again she will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with the great and near great of her favourite type of entertainment.

Also, while she is in Hollywood, Miss Rogers will appear on many coast-to-coast radio programmes, will be interviewed by the press and will be accorded the same treatment customarily shown a visiting celebrity. Throughout her stay, she will be escorted by one of the cinema city's most eligible young male stars.

Asked her favourites among the film stars she has seen, Miss

Rogers unhesitatingly spoke out for Bette Davis, Rosalind Russell, Ingrid Bergman, Greer Garson and Deborah Kerr. When the performances of these or any other film player particularly have impressed her, she has gone to see them in that picture again, in order to make a thorough study of their technique.

She was quick to point out, however, that she also is fond of the stage and has appeared in many amateur theatricals herself. For the past several years, she has taught dramatics

in summer camps along the east coast, to which she also attributed her uncanny ability to judge the merit of any particular film showing at her neighbourhood theatre.

When it was suggested that, with her looks and dramatic training and background, she might not be allowed to return from Hollywood to her job in New York, her eyes lit up for a moment before subsiding into their normally serious keenness. "I think I'm a better critic," she laughed.



A scene from "The Farmer's Daughter," opening shortly in Hong Kong

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Eve Arden puts on a neat side-

piece as a gay divorcee who regards marriage as a crime against society.

THE BODY DISAPPEARS (Alhambra)

Stars: Jeffery Lynn and Jane Wyman.

Story: An adventure in fantasia, already shown at the Lee Theatre. Clever trick photography and amusing.

IMPERFECT LADY (Queen's)

Stars: Ray Milland and Teresa Wright.

Story: A dramatic romance of Victorian England, with a murder trial at the Old Bailey as an interesting feature. The court scene provides a dramatic climax to an expertly handled picture. Teresa Wright proves on her fine performance in "The Best Years of Our Lives." Virginia Field fills a supporting role with much credit.

Current Shows

THE SWORDSMAN.—At the King's—Larry Parks and Ellen Drew in a fast-moving story based upon a Scottish clan feud.

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY.—At the Queen's—A re-issue of an outstanding picture, with Clark Gable and Charles Laughton as the principals. One of Laughton's most impressive films.

DARK PASSAGE.—At the Lee.—Spectacular crime thriller. Lauren Bacall plays opposite Humphrey Bogart and enhances her reputation.

THUNDER ROCK.—At the Alhambra—Michael Redgrave, Barbara Mullen, James Mason and Lilli Palmer—enough to guarantee a worthwhile picture.—It is, in fact, superbly acted.

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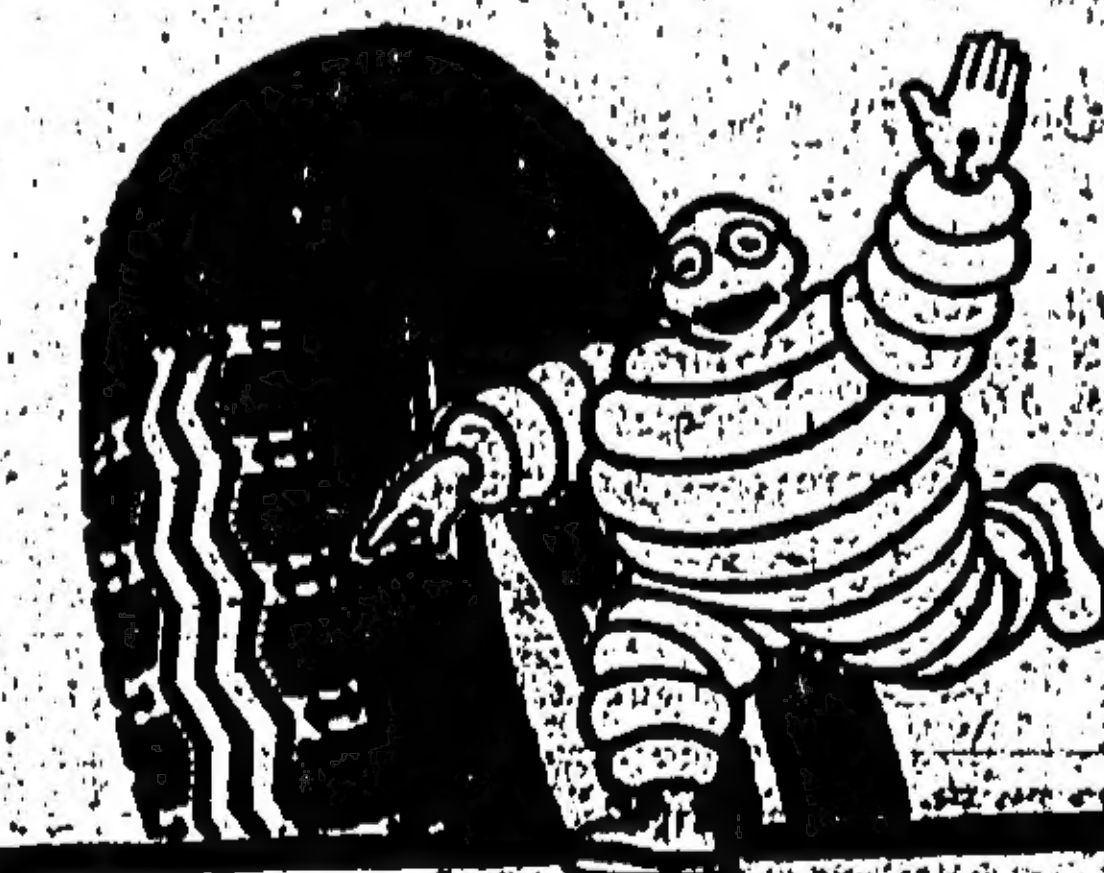
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AdviceAthens, Mar. 11.
Major General James
Van Fleet, the head of
the military section of
the United States aid
mission to Greece, today
predicted that the Greek
guerrillas would be "com-
pletely defeated this
summer."General Van Fleet, who gave a
press conference after visit-
ing five Greek divisions in Northern
and Eastern Greece, said the
Greek Army was conducting a
civilised war, but the guerrillas
were "conducting an inhuman-
type of terror which cannot be
classified as war."He declared: "My advice to
good bandits of Greek stock
is to surrender at once—and for
the others to get out of Greece and
stay out forever or be killed."
A Reuter dispatch from An-
kara today stated that Turkey
is considering taking "drastic steps"
against alleged Greek guerrilla at-
tacks on Turkish ships in the
Aegean Sea and Turkish railways
in Thrace.A Turkish motor boat was at-
tacked yesterday by guerrillas in
an armed boat and five was ex-
changed.Guerrillas were also said to have
attacked trains crossing the
Turco-Greek frontier in Thrace.Prague, Mar. 10.
Dr. Jan Masaryk, the 61-year-old Foreign Minister
and son of M. Thomas Masaryk, founder of
the Czech Republic, who jumped to his death
from a window early today, is to be given a
State funeral on Saturday with full military
honours.The funeral procession will move through the city
to Lany, the burial place of M. Thomas
Masaryk. Lany is to be renamed Masarykovy
Lany.When the Czech Parliament held
its first session since the crisis
brought a Communist-dominated
Government into power, a huge pile
of red and white flowers covered
the seat Dr. Masaryk should have oc-
cupied.All flags on public buildings were
flown at half mast and people gather-
ed in groups in the streets, but
there were no demonstrations.
M. Vlacak Nosek, Minister of the
Interior, made a short statement in
Parliament after which the Speaker
adjourned the Assembly for five
minutes as a mark of mourning.M. Nosek said that during the
previous evening, Dr. Masaryk had
been reading telegrams from his
friends in America and Britain, ex-
pressing disappointment at what M.
Nosek called "his brave behaviour."
In joining the new Government—an
action which surprised Western ob-
servers.Opposition supporters here were
saying today that the suicide was an
expression of despair at the situation
in which the country finds itself.

Repercussions Unlikely

Last week, after the new Govern-
ment had been formed, Dr. Masaryk,
a life-long friend of Britain and Am-
erica, declared: "My place is in-
tegral with the people I love. You
may reckon on me. I am one of
you."The news of the suicide caused
great disturbance among members
of the Government, and the first
reaction of the authorities was to
cut off all communications from
abroad. These were restored after
the official announcement.It is thought here that the Foreign
Minister's death will have few
political repercussions, but he was
one of the most popular figures in
Czechoslovak public life, both for his
political views—he was non-party—
and for his downright way of ex-
pressing himself.Some travellers have been mak-
ing the journey by car as they
consider the road safer.—ReuterCamouflage Taken
Off New RegimeLondon, Mar. 10.
Dr. Jan Masaryk's suicide in Prague has stripped
the camouflage from the new Communist-
dominated Government of Czechoslovakia, it
was considered in diplomatic quarters here
today.His continued presence at
the head of the Czech Foreign
Office in the reshuffled Cabinet
headed by the Communist Pre-
mier, M. Klement Gottwald,
was the main evidence pleaded
by liberal-minded supporters
of the new Czechoslovak re-
gime to suggest that legality
and constitutionality had
governed the recent changes.From the point of view of
public opinion abroad, the as-
sociation of Dr. Jan Masaryk's
name with the new regime was
perhaps more important ever
than that of President Eduard
Benes, since he represented the
embodiment of continuity with
the tradition built by the
founder of the Czechoslovak
Republic, President Thomas
Garrigue Masaryk, his father.
Those critics of the recent
events in Prague who con-
cluded that the Czechoslovakia
of M. Masaryk was dead will not
be surprised that his son did
not outlive it for long.Dr. Masaryk's decision to
countenance the change of re-
gime, cloaked in its initial
stages by a semblance of an
all-party Government, occasioned
considerable surprise in
London, where he was well-
known as a former Czechoslovak
Minister to Britain.

Under Duress

The circumstances of his
death make virtually certain
the presumption already strong
here that he retained the port-
folio of Foreign Affairs and
made his various public pro-
nouncements in the last fort-
night under duress.
Some observers maintained
that Dr. Masaryk's decision
was not due to force, but that
he hoped by maintaining in the
new Government to exercise a
moderating influence, and es-
pecially to preserve some mea-
sure of continuity with the
Liberal past.Czech Denounces
Red GovernmentLake Success, Mar. 10.
M. Jan Papanek, permanent Czechoslovak rep-
resentative to the United Nations, told the press
today that he could not believe Dr. Jan
Masaryk, the Czech Foreign Minister, had
committed suicide.M. Papanek denounced the
new Czechoslovak Government
and asked the Security Council
to investigate the Communist
action in his country.He said he refused to recog-
nise the legality of the present
Czechoslovak Government, "but
that he has no intention of re-
signing, because he still con-
sidered himself the servant of
the Czechoslovak Republic as it
existed before Feb. 20."M. Papanek's request that
the Security Council investigate
the situation in Czechoslovakia
was made in a letter to Dr.
Trygve Lie, Secretary-General
of the United Nations.Declaring that it was up to
the United Nations to decide
whether they would recognise
the new regime, M. Papanek
stated that he would continue
to represent the Czechoslovak
Republic in the United Nations
and would continue to work for
the restoration of the former
Czechoslovak Government.

How?

Baghdad, Mar. 10.
If the British withdraw
their troops from Palestine,
"the Arabs will immedi-
ately take action to prevent
continued bloodshed,"
Hamdi Pachachi, the Iraqi
Foreign Minister, declared
here today.The Arab and Moslem
worlds could not accept the
partition "at any price,"
he said.—Reuter.We Lose
"Our Good
Colleague"London, Mar. 10.
In a hushed House of
Commons today, Mr.
Ernest Bevin, the For-
eign Secretary, paid a
tribute to the late Dr.
Jan Masaryk, the For-
eign Minister of Czechoslovakia—"our good col-
league during the war."Dr. Jan Masaryk's father,
Mr. Bevin said, was the bul-
dower of "that famous democracy
Czechoslovakia.""The son came and lived
among us during the dark days
of the war when freedom was
taken away by Hitler.""It was a proud moment to
Dr. Jan Masaryk and his col-
leagues to return to Czechoslovakia. Recent events have
clouded much that has hap-
pened.""We do not know what really
has occurred except that he has
passed. But Dr. Jan Masaryk's
name and that of his father
will always live in the affec-
tionate memory of the British
people."Mr. Winston Churchill, leader
of the Conservative Opposition
and war-time Prime Minister,
speaking of Dr. Masaryk's stay
in Britain during the war,
said: "We were able to appre-
ciate the working of that com-
petent mind and resolute, un-
flinching soul.""It is a heavy loss, but one
cannot help rejoicing that the
famous name he bears will con-
tinue to be an inspiration to
the peoples of Czechoslovakia."
—Reuter.New P.I.
Immigration
RacketManila, Mar. 11.
A new immigration racket,
whereby Chinese nationals au-
thorised to enter the Philip-
pines under the existing im-
migration laws are being sub-
stituted for those legally en-
titled to come to this country,
was reported by the Manila
Times today.According to the Bureau of
Immigration, the report says
an application by one Serafin
Chua Ho to bring his brother
Chua Lai-ho to Manila for a
temporary stay was approved.
However, when Serafin Chua
Ho went to meet his brother
at the pier, he was surprised
to see that another man had
arrived posing as his brother.
The impostor carried all the
papers issued to the real Chua
Lai-ho.Following an investigation
of the new racket, the immigra-
tion authorities are now detain-
ing Alejo Uy, alias Uy King-
chua, an immigration agent,
and Tan Liang-guan, an im-
migrant, pending their de-
portation to China.—Reuter.RIGHT MAKES
FOR LEFTBirmingham, Mar. 11.
Righthanders A. D. and P. A.
Wood, a father and son combina-
tion, today announced the for-
mation of Left Hand, Ltd., a com-
pany which will deal in tools for
southpaws.—United Press.CZECH ENVOY
RESIGNSOslo, Mar. 10.
Dr. Emil Walter, the Czechoslovak
Minister in Oslo, an-
nounced his resignation to-
night.—Reuter.The Communist usurpers
are spreading terror and pan-
ic among the Czechoslovak
Minister in Oslo, an-
nounced his resignation to-
night.—Reuter.

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"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	1st May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th May
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"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th June



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SAILINGS

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A submission that the Court of Appeal had no right to obstruct the development of the Colony was put forward yesterday by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when opposing an application to the Full Court of Appeal for a further stay of execution relative to an eviction order made in respect of 661 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

No Hardship

On the edge of the undeveloped premises were two temporary structures which were used by two tailors, who paid a rent of \$130 per month. The remaining structure was used by a photographer who also paid a rent of \$135 per month. There was no question of a harsh landlord trying to take advantage of a small tenant, because it was out of the scope of the proceedings that before application was made to the Tenants' Committee in 1941, the premises were owned by a nationalized company.

Replying, Mr. Loseby said

Chinese "Y" Dinner

for the most crushing terms Mr. Loseby said that he had no objection to hearing of the appeal being expedited, to which Mr. Justice Williams replied that the calendar was full and it would be unfair to put off some other case simply to hear the appeal.

After a short deliberation Mr. Justice Williams announced that it was his opinion and that of Mr. Justice Reynolds that there were no special circumstances why a further stay of execution should be granted. The application was therefore refused.

Grand National Acceptors

(10.11); Weevil (10.11); Clown
Boy (10.10); Gormans Town
(10.9); Sacilla Cottage (10.7)
Platybus (10.6); Lough Con
(10.5); House Warmer (10.4)
First of the Dandles (10.4)
Loyal Antrim (10.3); Sir John
(10.3); Tudor Close (10.3)
Schubert (10.2); Sahia (10.2)
Musical Lad (10.1); Sultana
Bone (10.1); Ulster Monarch
(10.1), together with the fol-
lowing who all carry ten stones
Maltese, Some Chicken, Soda
II, Tommy Traddles, Dusk
Chimes, Parthenon, Offal
Bora's Cottage, Serpentine
Highland Lad and Skouras,
Router.....

London, Mar. 11.

The Royal Aero Club has received a notification from the Federation of Aeronauts-Internationale that the 100 kilometres closed circuit world record, set up by Squadron Leader W. A. Waterman on February 6, at Morlon, Valence, Airfield, Gloucestershire has now been confirmed.

Flying a Gloster "Meteor" plane, Whymann achieved 422.5 miles an hour.

An attempt on the world height record will be made within a fortnight by Group Captain John Cunningham in a De Havilland "Comet" biplane.

The record has been held by Italian pilot, since 1935, when Captain Matteo Ricci flew 10,000 metres.

herby; Mr. D. S. (Standards); Mr. D. S.
 Board, Referee (All events);
 M. C. Kwok, Judges; Mr. I.
 Lam, Mr. G. A. Goodban, Mr.
 W. Wong—Blackboard Recorder;
 Mr. S. K. Fung, Club Colours;
 L. K. Luk, Relays; H. S.
 and Mr. T. T. Lam, Club Flung;
 Mr. S. S. Yu, — Marshals;
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 Mr. P. S. Lam, Middle: Mr. I.
 Whitfield and Mr. M. W. W.
 Juniors: Mr. D. B. M. W.
 Mr. L. K. Luk, Insurance;
 Jump: Mr. C. M. McEwan,
 Mr. C. M. McEwan, Referee;
 events: Mr. M. C. Kwok.

The following have been selected to represent the Chinese Athletic Club in the 1931-32 season at Happy Valley on Sunday, Kichell at 4.30 p.m.—

Mackenzie, McCaig, Taylor, Uehara, Ritchie, Kennard, Garwood, Hamley, E. Fowler, Gaffney, Barker.

Reserves—McCall and McKay.

In their cricket match against H.K.C.C. on Saturday on the C.R. Road ground, Indian R.C. will be represented by—A.R. Abbas, Kichell, A.H. Ahmed, A.H. Aslam, A.M. Razaich, A.R. Sufaid, F. Izarín, S.A. Ismail, Abid Ebrahí, A. el-Areullí, Jr. and Tahir Ebrahí.

G.A. Goodban, I.P. Tardworth
Cambridge: J. Barrow, J.P.
ford, E.J.M. Churn, J.J. Cou-
thwaite, K.V. Franklin, I. Gaun-
R.H. Hughes, Dr. McEllan,
Middleditch, C.G.M. Morrison a
Sachs.
Umpire: J. Winter. Score: 1
Gordon Williams.

The following will represent
the Kewton Gricks Club in the
first round of the County Cup
on Saturday starting at 2
P.M. Team at KCO R. E.
M.O. Finch, C.O.I. Staple
A. Eddmers, H. Hart, Baker
C. Liddell, K. Lo, C. Tait
Smith, J. W. W. W. W.

minutes earlier when he centred squarely for Lowrie, the inside left, to apply the finishing touch. Edwards got the second early in the second half with a fine shot from a difficult angle.—*Reuter.*

RUGBY

London, Mar. 10.

Rugby football games.—**County match:**—Berkshire 18 Dorset and Wiltshire 20.

Other matches:—Abertillery 0 Newport 3; Glasgow University 16 Durham University 6.

In the other tie it will be a test of two famous forward lines to penetrate opposing defences, when such names as Matthews and Mortensen and Bally Duquemin appear on the programme. Would it be a coincidence if Derby and Tottenham, both white shirted teams, won through to the final?

The match of the week seems to be at the Dell, where Southampton receive Newcastle United. Wayman, the leader of the Hampshire side was recently acquired from Newcastle under a trial. Gentlemen's agreement exists between the two clubs. Should Southampton win, they will not be allowed to play Newcastle again.

Should the visitors win, they should not change but should not change because Lincoln are expected to win Oldham but Rotherham should win Barrow black points.

Now just a word of average. There aren't more matches to be played in the great struggle may be decided on goal average, as the teams concerned have equal number of points. It is looking for likely champions and runners up. Notice Burnley and Blackpool only conceded 27 and 29 goals respectively. Tottenham, as the candidates for Second Division honours have conceded 37 goals while Rotherham, Burnley and Blackpool have conceded 39 goals.

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transmission switches were
burnt. The power failure
caused a complete stoppage
of the water supply. Many of
local newspapers failed
appear today. Only a few
papers managed to go through
to press late in the day.—United
Press.

League for the Building of
Flag Party. An illegal com-
munist party, he was con-
sidered the father of the
Thailand Soc had been in hid-
den; his party was banned
January 1947 after demon-
strations against the Govern-
ment, Bangkok.

SAINT LAWRENCE, Mo.,
Sept. 26.—Bernard Shaw, re-
sident of St. Mary's, was
forced Minister, who was
arrested yesterday for work-
ing for the communists.